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1. CZECHOSLOVAK MEDIA ANNOUNCED JUN 6 APPOINTMENT OF
CAREER DIPLOMAT AND INTERNATIONAL LAW SPECIALIST ZDENEK
PISK TO HEAD CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S NEW EMBASSY IN MADRID.

2. PISK, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL LAW IN
CZECHOSLOVAK MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SINCE 1971, REPRESENTED
HIS COUNTRY AT THE U.N. SEABED COMMITTEE AND
AT CARACAS LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE IN 1974. HE WAS A MEMBER OF
THE CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATION TO CSCE, AND PREVIOUSLY SERVED AT
CZECHOSLOVAK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON 1959-1963 AND IN MOSCOW 1968-
1971. A TOUR AT THE UNITED NATIONS STARTING IN MAY 1966 WAS
CUT SHORT WHEN PISK WAS ALLOWED TO LEAVE "VOLUNTARILY"
BECAUSE DURING HIS WASHINGTON TOUR HE HAD RECRUITED A STATE
DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEE FOR ESPIONAGE PURPOSES. A LAWYER BY TRAINING,
PISK OCCASIONALLY PUBLISHES ARTICLES ON QUESTIONS OF INTERNATIONAL
LAW IN CZECHOSLOVAK THEORETICAL AND LEGAL JOURNALS.
HE SPEAKS RUSSIAN, GERMAN AND ENGLISH AND HAS A WIFE, LIBENA.

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3. SPAIN AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA AGREED TO UPGRADE THEIR
CONSULAR AND COMMERICAL REPRESENTATIVE OFFICES TO THE LEVEL OF
EMBASSIES RECENTLY, IN FEBRUARY, 1977 (REFTEL).
NEW SPANISH AMBASSADOR HAS ARRIVED IN PRAGUE BUT HAS YET TO PRESENT
CREDENTIALS. PISK WILL NO DOUBT BE KEEPING HIS EYE NOT ONLY ON
SPANISH INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS, BUT ON SPAIN'S RAPPROACHMENT WITH
EEC AND NATO COUNTRIES.

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